

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1 and 27 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Baba, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,777,273). It is respectfully submitted, however, that these claims are patentable over Baba for the reasons set forth below.

Applicants' invention as recited by claim 1 includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by Baba, namely:

. . . magnetic flux flows from one of said magnets, to and through another of said magnets, and back to and through said one of said magnets . . .

This is completely different from Baba. Figures 2, 3, and 7 of Baba show the flow of his magnetic flux. It is very clear that his magnetic flux does not flow from one magnet to and through another magnet. Accordingly, claim one is patentable over Baba.

Claim 27 is patentable by virtue of its dependency on allowable claim 1.

Claims 1 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by JP 02-208,569. It is respectfully submitted, however, that these claims are patentable over this reference for the reasons set forth below.

Applicants' invention, as recited by claim 1, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by JP 02-208,569, namely:

. . . said object positioned in said magnetic circuit in a space between said one and said another of said magnets.

In the cited reference, magnets 231 and 232 are next to each other, side by side, with no space therebetween. Thus, the cited reference completely lacks applicants' claimed feature of the object being between the two magnets. Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over JP 02-208,569.

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Again, claim 27 is patentable by virtue of its dependency on allowable claim
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Consideration of newly added claim 29 is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above
identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully
requested.

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